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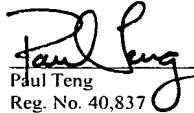
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Serial No. : 10/692,547                      Group Art Unit: 2852

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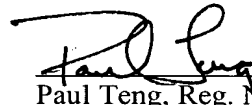
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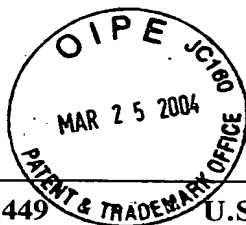
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